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RECORDING MEDIUM IN WHICH SUCH  
AN IMAGE-PROCESSING METHOD IS  
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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated April 22, 2004 (Paper No. 5), please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.

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